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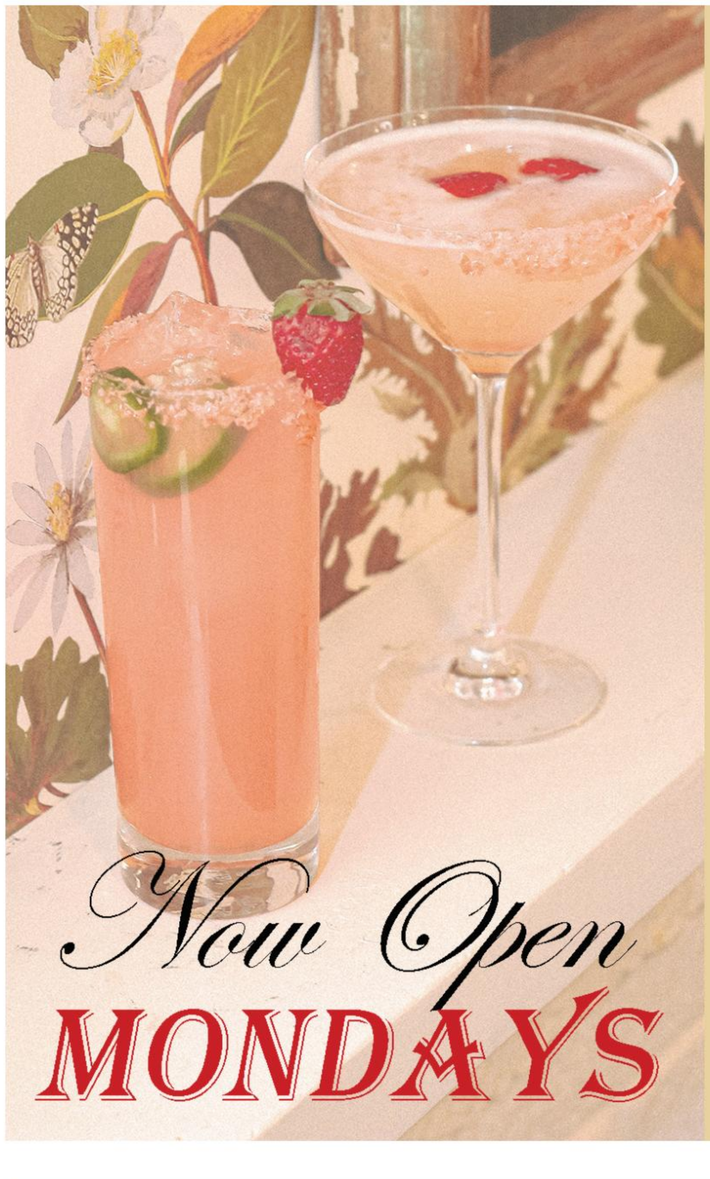

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Township board accepts bids for veterans park, ADA disc golf pad and sidewalks

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the New Buffalo Township Board approved quotes with regards to two upcoming projects at their Monday, July 21, meeting.

Board members approved a quote for the planned veterans memorial park at 17651 Clay Street.

Jason Marquardt, senior project manager with Abonmarche, said that the township received two bids: one from BG Construction and Engineering out of Buchanan for $660,091 for total construction costs and the other from Oselka Construction Co.

Marquardt was recommending BG, which had a cost that came just below the project's estimated goal. Once the bid is approved, the contractor can get started on it so the park will be done in time for Veteran's Day.

The park will include a flagpole, some artwork that the township has already approved, a new parking lot and lighting bollards, so the flags can be lit from the ground. At the center of the plaza area will be an 8-foot-wide diameter metal globe, with seals of each branch of service on the wall.

Township supervisor Michelle Heit said an open house was held at New Buffalo American Legion Post 169, during which veterans could give their input.

Board members approved a quote for $225,271 from Compton Inc. 2.0 for a disc golf pad and sidewalks at the Glassman disc golf course.

Marquardt said that last year, improvements were made at Glassman Park for the course and the project's second phase includes accessibility, allowing those who have a handicap or have wheelchairs to play disc golf.

"This next phase is a quote from Compton to construct the remaining ADA pad along with some other hardscape areas so that the township can look at expanding the potential pavilions down the road or maybe a bathroom structure or what have you," he said.

The new pad would be located off the parking area and would require a little bit of clearing.

Board members held the annual public hearing regarding the township's Public Safety Special Assessment District.

Heit said that last fiscal year, the township collected right around $1,857,000, which included some grant funding and rents from the building, for the assessment's total revenues. The actual expenses were $903,853 for the fire department, which was the budget and payment made on the fire truck; $885,521,000 for the sheriff's office; $127,000 for Medic One Ambulance, which didn't see any increase and bond payment on the building including interest and fees were $276,200 for total expenses of $2,222,580.

Next year, the township expects to collect $1,950,000

There was discussion on possibly bumping up the special assessment .3 mills, which would collect $2,102,000 to give the township extra funds to hire two full-time people during the day for the fire department.

Heit said that more marijuana dispensaries will be open after that day, making the marijuana excise share likely over $1 million. While some of those funds will be set aside for roads, some could also be used to hire the full-time people as opposed to increasing the assessment.

There was discussion on the future of the proposed joint fire authority. Clerk Michelle Hannon said that she'd opt to go with using the marijuana funds for one year while they do some "fact finding" on how much money will be needed and Iazzzetto was also in favor of waiting.

"I don't want to rush into something like raising people's taxes when we could possibly have the funds available and give our community a little more time to process the increase," she said.

Board members adopted resolutions to request two traffic studies from MDOT: one for M-239 from I-94 to the Indiana state line and a speed study for Red Arrow Highway from Community Hall Road to Townline Road in Union Pier.

A resolution adopting an ordinance amending the open burn ordinance was adopted. Fire chief Jamie Flick said that, while the state doesn't allow unattended lighted lanterns with open flames, there's never been any official law on it.

A quote from Flow Point for $61,626.99 for a water fill station that would be installed at 17655 clay street for the water department was approved.

Board members granted final approval to Walters Dimmick Petroleum New Buffalo Johnny's for a special land use to operate a gas station and convenience store at 18913 Harbor Country Drive, as the Shell has been torn down and will be rebuilt in time for fall.

Final approvals for SLUs were also granted for the following to operate adult marijuana retail establishments: HS PC Enterprises, LLC at 11430 Holiday Drive, Oasis Wellness Center of Bangor Twp. LLC at 19189 West U.S. 12, Simple AG New Buffalo LLC at 13992 Grand Avenue and HODAI Bangor LLC at 19333 M-239.

A beautiful act observed, fires the soul to emulate. — *Dino N. Fatouros*

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Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1PM

Village council fields more short-term rental concerns

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Residents filled the Grand Beach Village Hall to voice more complaints about short-term rentals at the Grand Beach Village Council's Wednesday, July 16, meeting.

At the last meeting, councilmembers agreed to refer to the Plannin g Commission the issue of a potential moratorium on licensing additional short-term rental houses.

Changes that were made at the beginning of the year to the short-term rental ordinance won't take effect until Dec. 31, 2025.

Police commissioner and councilmember Ed Brandes said that a short-term rental committee, which includes representatives from different parts of the village, has been meeting monthly in the summer.

Particular attention has also been paid to the matter of enforcement, he said.

A recent meeting included STR agents, with a "very good dialogue about the problems they're facing." The committee is now collecting data about how many STRs are active on any given week or weekend, with Brandes saying there are almost 50 owners who are renting out their house on any given weekend.

Resident Gary Kagan said he has an issue with using the number of police complaints "as the sole indicator of whether there's a problem," which he feels is an "incomplete and misleading metric that has created a false narrative."

He added that council president Harry Walder in the February village newsletter stated the council has decided to change the occupancy limits to two adults per bedroom but not change the overall limit of 16 persons per house.

"Would any of you want to live next door or share a backyard with one person short a hotel?" he said, adding that, at full occupancy during the summer months, this could bring 752 transient renters plus their guests and cars into the village."

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Jerry Dyson said the council should issue a survey to gain input from residents on "important questions," such as if they're for a cap on STR dwellings or STRs, reducing the maximum occupancy limit of 16 persons in every STR dwelling and implementing zoning requirements and "preventing the clustering of commercial rental properties."

Recently, he said he saw a property being advertised with one of the main points being that it can be purchased as a commercial rental property, "which changes the character of our community."

Paul Leonard called the larger homes that are being rented out in Eiffel Tower and Golfmore Estates "hotels," adding that the village's charter specifically states there are no commercial activities in Grand Beach.

He said the solution for the associated problems of noise, trash and parking would be for the council to revisit the issue of occupancy, as he said 16 is one person short of a motel but eight would be "workable."

"This is the kind of issue that could wind up in court - nobody wants that, we can solve it ourselves," he said.

David Jones said that having large rental homes being built isn't benefiting the village with tax dollars, as there aren't any business establishments, or any other way.

"To see a home built in my neighborhood just to be sold to an investor to rent that to strangers that doesn't care about us is beyond the pale," he said.

Kay Moriarity said she's been renting since 1982 and has never had any problems.

"I don't like all these big homes that are rented either but you're punishing me also," she said to the crowd.

Laurie Roche said that she has an issue with the village's short-term rental ordinance stating that homes are allowed to be rented for two-night minimum stay except beginning the day after Memorial Day weekend through the day before Labor Day weekend, which requires a not less than six-night

My aim is to put down on paper what I see and what I feel in the best and simplest way. — *Ernest Hemingway*

minimum stay.

John Humphrey, former mayor of the City of New Buffalo who serves on the county's planning commission and works as an independent planning and land use consultant, said that "there's an irreconcilable conflict between quality of life and the lifestyle of residents who are forced to live in near proximity to these rental homes."

"The problem is only exacerbated by not following in step with other Harbor Country communities who successfully managed this situation through permit caps, residential bans or zoning overlays," he said, adding that Long Beach recently changed the minimum rental stay to 30 days to fix the problem.

Walder said that residents made some "very valid points" and will be getting their village attorney Sara Senica involved.

"We do care - we live here, we participate in the same things you participate in, but we all have to be fair, and we have to treat our neighbors fairly and we need to be careful about making statements that are simply not true and spreading rumors," Walder said.

Councilmembers approved a resolution regarding the Codification Adoption Ordinance.

After a two-year process, Brandes said that an outside firm and a team of dedicated volunteers updated, combine and delete village ordinances, with everything being reorganized and searchable by key terms by the end of July.

Councilmembers approved quotes for the following electrical work: Howell Electric to provide, furnish and install, electrical power to a GFCI protected receptacle at new flagpole on Royal and a GFCI protected receptacle at the arch on Royal, including an 100 amp underground meter base, 100 amp main breaker exterior rated panel and a100 amp feeder, all for a complete and fully functional installation, for $3,800, which will be funded from donations for the new flagpole; Howell Electric to furnish and install seven LED high bay light fixtures in the DPW building and one LED wall park light fixture on the exterior, golf course side, of the DPW building for $2,800; Howell Electric to furnish and install one quad GFCE protected receptacle on an existing circuit at the existing pole located in front of the Village Hall and install a GFCI receptacle cover on the existing receptacle for $490; Howell Electric to provide the electrical power required to support the relocation of the Gas and Diesel Fuel tanks from their current location to a new location adjacent to the DPW Building, between the DPW Building and the Golf Course, for an amount not to exceed $4,000 subject to who will provide the tanks and for Howell Electric to furnish and install LED "fairy" lights around one set of three windows on a time and material basis and the labor rate is $110 per manhour, which is estimated to take less than eight man hours per location and that Howell will provide a firm proposal for the remaining locations once the cost is known for one.

The purchase of a new ice machine for the Pro Shop not to exceed $3,300 was approved.

Council members approved the village Tree Management Plan. Walder said that the budget that's in the plan and that any expenses that the tree board will want to make will have to come to the council for approval.

The purchase of a new flagpole by the arch for a cost not to exceed $6200 funded through the donation from Kathleen Higgins was approved.

Walder said that there will be one spot up for renewal in September on the Planning Commission and anyone interested should submit their resume to the clerk by Aug. 8.

The purchase ball picker and ball washer from Don Butler for $1,800 was approved.

Councilmembers approved Brad Mattner as an alternate to the Construction Board of Appeals.

Another Town Hall regarding the upcoming election, where the village will ask voters to decide on a millage increase, will be held at 10 a.m. EST Saturday, Aug. 16.

TOWN SQUARE

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Lakefront parking passes now available all season

BY STAN MADDUX

People can now obtain season passes for parking at Michigan City's lakefront throughout the season.

Previously, no parking stickers for Washington Park were issued after July 3 to save on the cost of manpower at North Point Pavilion where stickers were available prior to the deadline, said Parks Superintendent Shannon Eason.

Now, people coming in for a sticker after the deadline can get their parking passes for the rest of the season at City Hall but they will have to pay a $35 late fee.

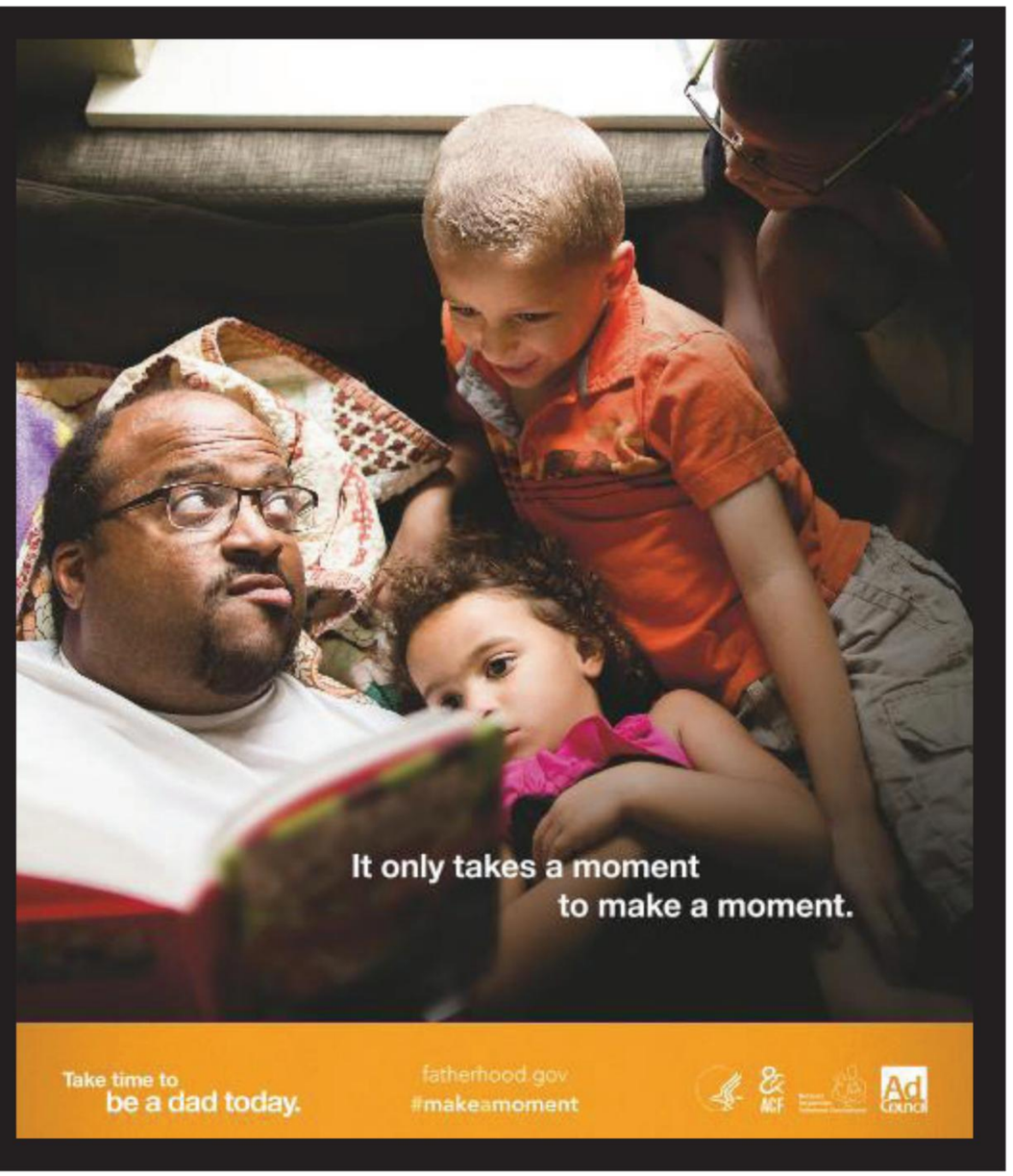
Eason said the deadline was heavily promoted but people still unaware it were coming in after the deadline for season passes.

"We did get a lot of complaints," she said.

Prior to the deadline, parking stickers are free for Michigan City residents and $35 for all other people living in La Porte County.

The cost is $100 for other Indiana residents and $150 for people living out of state.

Eason said a late fee is still a good deal for people wanting to visit the park multiple times before summer ends because the only other option is to pay the $20 daily fee to park without a sticker.



Randolph Street Market coming to Three Oaks this weekend

The Commune+Market in Three Oaks will be bringing together 50 indoor and outdoor vendors when the world-famous "mecca of cool" Randolph Street Market comes to the area from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27.

"When downtown Chicago gets hot, we like to take a road trip to our favorite destination across the lake! We get a break from the traffic and noise, and since so many of our city customers have second homes in Harbor Country, everyone can still do brisk business," said Sally Schwartz, owner of Randolph Street Market.

Building on their successful first visit in May 2021, it has taken the organizers a few years to find a venue in town with the amenities to justify bringing their show back to Harbor Country. This year, they found that venue at Commune + Market, located at 105 N. Elm Street in Three Oaks, just down the street from SAM's Arts & Education building.

"Commune+Market is a beautiful venue with all the amenities we need to showcase an incredible array of merchandise. We will be offering a curated selection of gorgeous, high-caliber pieces for our discriminating customers who are collectors, designers, and people who love to entertain friends and family in their stylish, well-appointed homes," said Schwartz.

At Randolph's Road Trip Pop-Up, shoppers can browse curated displays featuring coveted, mint-conditioned collectibles of posh living from days gone by. Add in food trucks serving barbecue, mac and cheese, flat bread pizza, root beer floats, shaved ice, and fresh-squeezed lemonade, and it all makes for an unforgettable and nostalgic shopping experience.

Proceeds from all beverage sales at the Randolph Street Market Road Trip pop-up at Commune + Market will benefit the School of American Music and its exciting new initiative, Future Hits: Building Tomorrow's Music Legends. This dynamic program will support SAM's first-ever Jazz Fest 2025, taking place Sept. 12-14 in Three Oaks, as well as the development of a new summer music camp for kids to launch in 2026, in addition to other programs and scholarship opportunities.

Admission is free. Parking will be available on the streets and Three Oaks village parking lots.

— STAFF REPORTS

BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR LAUNCHES DIGITAL TICKETING

As part of the Berrien County Youth Fair's ongoing commitment to improving the fair's experience for the community, it's launched a new, user-friendly digital ticketing platform for the 2025 fair.

For the first time, fairgoers will be able to purchase both Grandstand event tickets and general gate admission online — before and during fair week. This convenient change is designed to help guests skip the wait and spend more time enjoying everything the fair has to offer.

With the new system in place, a special Pass-Only Lane at Gate 3 will be introduced on Shawnee Road. Those who purchase tickets online in advance will have access to this dedicated entry lane — and this year, it will be better than ever with extended hours. The Pass-Only Lane will be open all day throughout the week, offering even more flexibility and faster access to the fairgrounds.

"As a non-profit organization dedicated to serving youth and families in our community, we're always looking for ways to improve and modernize the fair experience," said Karen Klug, fair manager at the Berrien County Youth Fair. "This new system will not only help reduce lines but also give people more flexibility and convenience when planning their visit."

In keeping with common practice for digital transactions, a small processing fee will apply per ticket to online purchases and credit card purchases at the grandstand ticket office and gates. These fees help support the secure technology and tools that allow the fair to offer this faster, more accessible ticketing option.

"We believe the benefits — reduced wait times, smoother access, and the ability to plan ahead — make this an exciting and worthwhile step forward," a press release said.

For all credit card transactions, the merchant fee will be added to fairgoers' total purchases.

The 2025 Berrien County Youth Fair will take place Aug. 11–16, with the theme, "Fiesta at the Fair!"

For tickets, schedules and updates, visit www.bcyf.org. — STAFF REPORTS

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

Baseball's All-Star game was more interesting to me than it's been in quite awhile.

The game itself was close and was tied after nine innings.

For the first time ever, the game was decided by a home run swing off which the National League won 4-3, giving them a 7-6 victory.

Past, current, and future Cubs played a big roll in the National Leagues' victory. Current and future Cub Peter Crow-Armstrong started in center field and hit a double.

Current and possibly future Cub Kyle Tucker made a great catch.

Finally, former Cub Kyle Schwarber was the games Most Valuable Player. Schwarber hit all three of his pitches in the swing off out of the park to give the National League the victory.

Crow-Armstrong is a revelation. The Cubs acquired him by trading then Cub hero Javier Baez to the Mets right before he became a free agent. This year he's an all star and having the kind of year only true superstars have ever had. He's on pace to hit 40 homers and steal 40 bases.

Only six players in the history of baseball have accomplished that feat. Kyle Tucker is also a great player. He does everything well but the Cubs are going to have to come up with a boatload of money to keep him. The Cubs owners, the Ricketts family, once said after a Covid-shortened season, that the team had suffered biblical losses.

Few, if any, believed him. Signing Tucker would go a long way toward helping Cub fans and potential free agents forget that unfortunate quote.

Finally, the unfortunate case of Kyle Schwarber. Inexplicably, the Cubs just let him go because they didn't want arbitration to pay him too much. Schwarber was a Cub hero. He was a great power hitter and a great clutch hitter.

Back when I was a kid, the Cubs traded Lou Brock for Ernie Broglio. That trade was one of the most lopsided trades in the history of baseball The Cardinals fleeced the Cubs with that trade, but in Schwarber's case, the Cubs fleeced themselves.

After the All-Star break, the Cubs beat the Red Sox two out of three times but those pesky Brewers swept the Dodgers in Los Angeles to move into a tie with the Cubs for first place in their division. The remainder of the season promises to be thrilling.

This week, training camp opens for the Chicago Bears, and it promises to be the most exciting training camp in a long time.

Ben Johnson, the new Bears coach, is highly respected as an offensive genius, and quarterback Caleb Williams is expected to flourish under Johnson's guidance. Finally, only seven weeks from now on September 8th, the Bears will take on the Vikings on Monday Night Football to kick off a season that promises to be really entertaining.

Winston Churchill said, "Politics is almost as exciting as war, and quite as dangerous. In war, you can only be killed once, but in politics, many times."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

I don't fear anyone. We don't come to play in this sport. *— Canelo Alvarez*

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Kylee Phillips named winner of annual Singer Songwriter Competition

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

In her song, "Where You Found Me," Kylee Phillips contemplates the error of her ways in thinking she could go back and change decisions she's made throughout the course of her life's trajectory.

"There was a minute where I was so convinced that, if I could go back to the point in my life where I think I made a mistake, if I could just correct that everything would be different and my whole timeline would've worked out exactly as I wanted it to," she said, adding that "I don't know if you know this but that's not how it works."

One could assume that Phillips wouldn't change the trajectory that led her to perform at The Acorn Center for the Performing Art Saturday, July 19, where she was named the winner of The Acorn's 13th annual Singer Songwriter Competition.

A Michigan-native vocalist and songwriter, Phillips has also had an Official Showcase at Folk Alliance Regional Midwest, headlined The Ark in Ann Arbor and placed third in the Songwriter Serenade songwriting competition in Austin, Texas.

Phillips also performed "Good Parts," which she described as a "breakup song disguised as a love song."

Judge Andrew Delaney said he appreciated the authenticity in which her songs are rooted, saying he enjoys songs where he gets a "very crystallized idea of who the character is that's singing it and who they're speaking to."

"You can put yourself into that story, so that's super cool," he said.

Saying that he felt everyone was seeing her "true self onstage," Donnie Biggins said he appreciated that she put a positive spin on a "topic often filled with resentment and negativity."

"The take that I took from that is it's okay to move on from something that's not serving you anymore and that's the message so thank you for sharing that," he said.

Noting that both songs had a "really strong hook," Karen Bridges said that she felt that "Good Parts" also is relatable to those who are grieving or have experienced loss.

Like the other songwriters that graced the stage that night, second runner-up Christopher Gold said that he likes to use his art to write about "really impactful things as well."

"I'm what you call an autobiographical songwriter – I write about things I've seen seen or seen done," he said.

Alluding to his song, "Pretty Lights," Gold said that "it turns out there's a pretty low ceiling on songs about hot dogs and getting tattoos on your neck."

A Kentucky-born songwriter living in Wisconsin, Gold was also recognized with a Wisconsin Area Music Industry Award for Singer/Songwriter of the Year and has performed at venues like Codfish Hollow, The Majestic Theater and The Barrymore Theater,

Biggens said Gold's guitar playing was very "lean and polished," which allowed him to

Chris DuPont

Christopher Gold

Executive director Nikki Gauthier welcomes everyone

Judge Andrew Delaney opens the show

Judge Donnie Biggins opens the show

Emcee Peter Carey introduces the contestants

Kylee Phillips performs on her keyboard

Shelley Miller performs on the Allen Turner Stage

Winner Kylee Phillips performs with third-place winner Chris DuPont

Annie Bacon (left) performs with Cat Crocetto

Ryan Kirkpatrick (left) performs with brother Wes

join in on his "storytelling."

"I was listening here fully engaged and I think that's what you want with an audience," she said.

Daleny thanked him for being funny, with Bridges giving him props for his onstage banter.

"I've said this onstage before that being a musician is only 5 percent being good at music and 75 percent being a stand-up comedian," she said.

Not to be outdone, third-place winner Chris DuPont whipped out his comedic chops during the performance of his songs, "Fragile Things" and "Start Again."

Noting that he has "resting therapist face, he said that someone once called him and told him that "there's a divorce recovery bible study the basement of the Baptist church and they're using your tunes."

A Michigan native tunesmith, DuPont is a regular staple at The Ark, has been a finalist at Rocky Mountain Folk Fest, The Acorn Singer Songwriter Competition and Songwriter Serenade.

Delaney said that "for whatever reason, you walked out here, and I immediately started rooting for you." Bridges said that she appreciated the "confessional nature of your songwriting."

"I can tell it's really therapy for you and it's therapy for others to listen to you," she said.

Biggens said that the tone, along with his and style and technique of his guitar, really "matched" his vocal output.

"It was kind of seamless, and all molded very nicely together," he said.

Other finalists were Annie Bacon, who recently put out 2024's "Storm," composed a folk opera and co-created a full-length musical; Fort Collins, Colorado based songwriter and outdoor travel guide Ryan Kirkpatrick, who leads the adventure-inspired music project known as The 14ers and Shelley Miller, a Chicago-based songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, circus artist and aerialist who's released six albums of original music and performed throughout the Midwest and East Coast.

Judges were Donnie Biggins, a singer/songwriter who's a member of Chicago's The Shams Band and owner/operator of Chicago music venue, Robert's Westside and talent buyer for The Acorn; Cincinnati-based songwriter Karen Bridges, a classically-trained singer and multi-instrumentalist who performs with Clint Thomson as Stone & Snow and Andrew Delaney, who's won grand prize at both the Songwriter Serenade competition in Moravia, Texas, and The Acorn Singer-Songwriter Competition.

After the singer/songwriters performed in the f first round, the field was narrowed to the top three contestants. After the second round, audience members voted online by scanning a QR code on the program.

The Acorn Executive Director Nikki Gauthier and Peter Carey, who emceed the show, thanked Art Wible, who has been the benefactor of the program since the beginning and has allowed all six finalists to receive cash prizes.

This year, Gauthier said that The Acorn received almost twice the number of submissions as last year. Submission came from around the Midwest and both coasts, with some even being international ones.

Redamak's marks 50th anniversary

THE GOLDEN YEARS OF BURGERS

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

It was Tuesday, July 15, 1975, when Jimbo and Angie Maroney purchased Redamak's from George and Gladys Redamak, who founded the restaurant in the 1940s.

Now, 50 years later, what was described in a press release as once being a "one-room tavern with a squeaky screen door" has evolved into a popular, seasonal restaurant that's played host to many celebrations.

"This day marks many milestones for so many," Chuck Maroney, an owner of Redmak's who's the son of Jimbo and Angie, said at the restaurant's 50th anniversary celebration Tuesday, July 15.

The day of celebration, which included throwback menu items and live music, was kicked off with a flag-raising ceremony, with a yellow Redamak's flag that Chuck said was being raised by members of the New Buffalo American Legion Post 169 Color Guard in honor of his parents.

"This flagpole is in direct dedication to Angie and Jimbo Maroney's vision, hard work and selflessness, which is a symbol of their heart, character and commitment. Those characteristics have been a driving force behind Redamak's, the Maroney family and Team Redamak's success," Chuck said.

Kalon Kubik from Fly 'Em High was thanked for installing the flagpole. The flag-raising was followed by performances of the National Anthem by Carol Schubert and Joey Dimaggio and Jim Cornelison, who sang the song in the tradition of the Blackhawks.

Staff members have stayed with Redamak's for many years, from 15 years to over 40 years. Debra Robertson has been with the restaurant for 44 years.

"She was 18 when she started," Chuck said.

The following staff members, who Chuck said are just of whom comprise Team Redamak's, were recognized for their years of service: Kris Halfacre and Mike Benjamin (35 years); Gay Schiller and Susan Rist (30 years), Samantha Thomas, Chandra McClean and Gregory Saltzman (25 years); Melissa Davis and Jennifer Mann (22 years); Kristy Jirtle, Kayla Schmidt and Morgan Lijewski (20 years); Kirstin Riley, Shannon Carbajal, Nicole Reno, Necole Carrington, Ally Maroney, Karen Laws, Kylie Lijewski, and Andrew Weberling (15 years)

"In front of great men stand incredible women - as you can see, a majority of my team are women so thank you ladies," Chuck said.

Special mentions were made to his family, daughter Katie, son James and wife, Linda and longtime food suppliers, Ludwigs out of La Porte and Gordon Food Service, and its wine and beer distributors.

"Everybody who helps or has helped make this a success - we thank you very much," Chuck said.

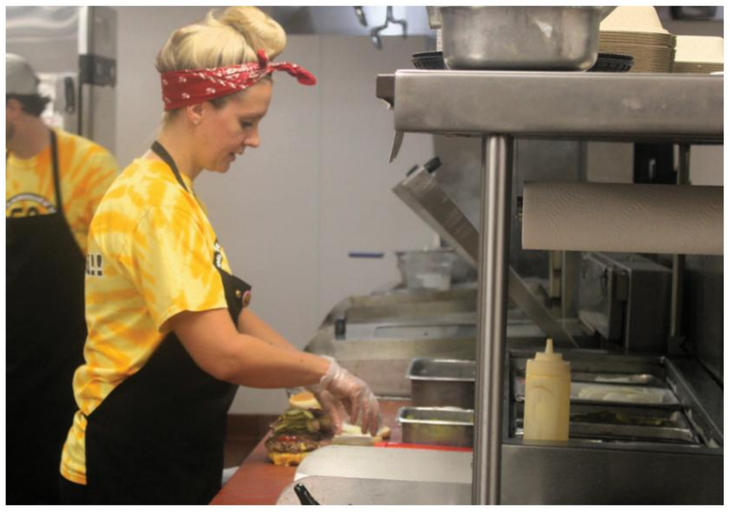
Redamak's is located at 616 E. Buffalo Street in New Buffalo. For more information, visit redamaks.com.

Jim Cornelison peforms a Black Hawks-style version of the National Anthem

Chuck Maroney mingles with diners at the July 15th anniversary

Carol Shubert and Joey DiMaggio perform the National Anthem

Guests received a Redamaks button at the celebration



Ally Maroney works in the kitchen

Steve Beamer and Scott Whitford raise the flag

The Redamak's Team takes a silly picture in front of the establishment

LAKESIDE ICE CREAM SOCIALLAKESIDE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD 'ICE CREAM SOCIAL' NEXT WEEKEND

The community is invited to join the fun at the annual Lakeside Association's Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Lakeside Park Gazebo on Lakeside Road and Red Arrow Highway.

For a $5 ticket, guests can enjoy ice cream, homemade cake, cookies and more, as well as live music by The School of American Music. Kids can try their luck at the Fish Pond and win a prize. There will also be the traditional cake auction, where Harbor Country's best bakers will contribute delectable items that are sold to the highest bidder. All proceeds will go to the mission of the Lakeside Association, including scholarships for River Valley graduates.

The event is sponsored by The Lakeside Association of Harbor Country. — STAFF REPORTS

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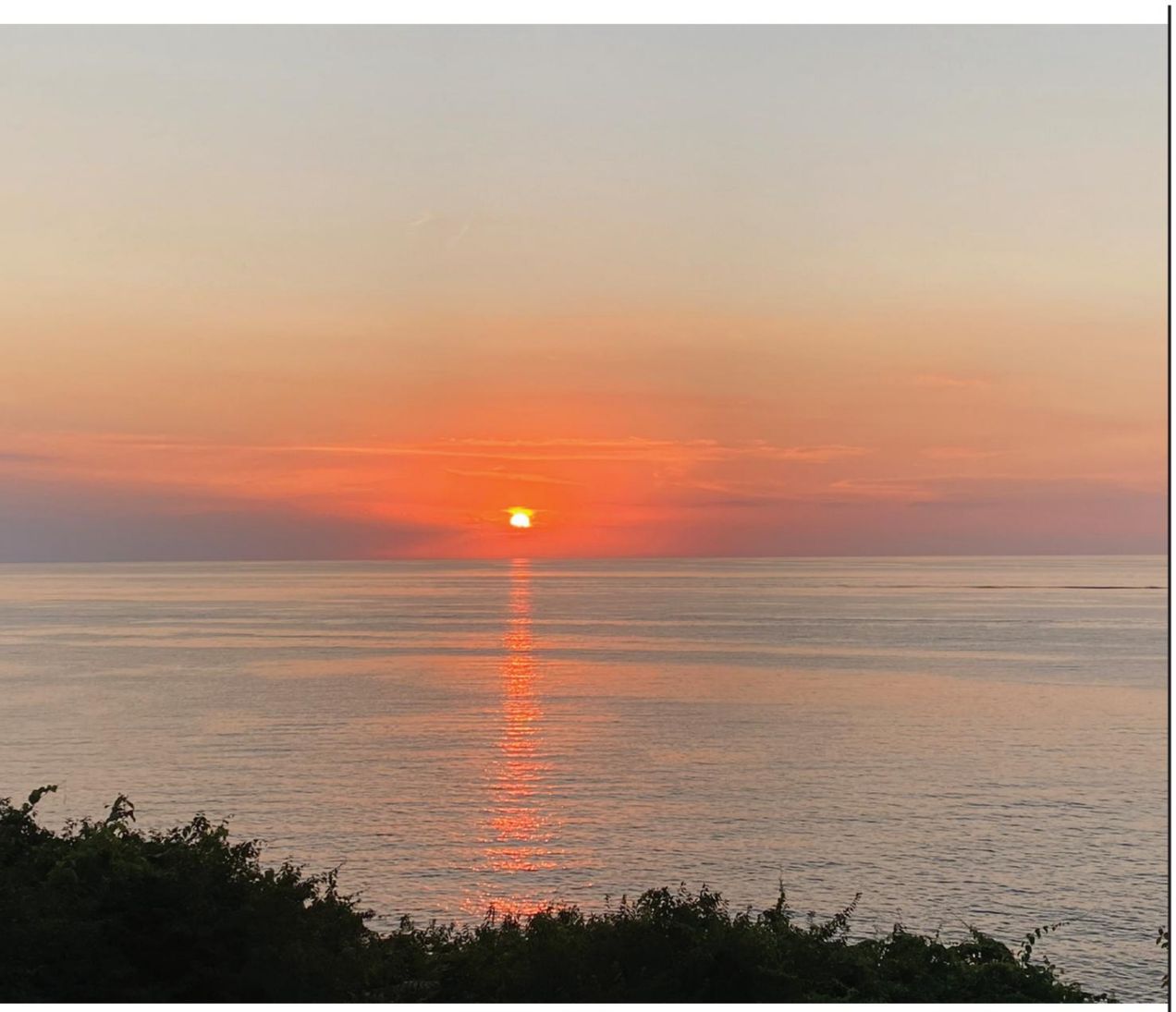

Your nervous system remembers

PHOTO BY DAVID HARRIS AT WEKO BEACH JUNE 2025

The sunset light spectrum—warm reds and ambers—stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system, bringing you out of fight-or-flight. It's a signal your body has recognized for thousands of years. You don't need to try. You just need to look.

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The sun sets on all of us — wherever we are in the world. But there's something about pausing to watch it that feels both universal and deeply personal.

Here in New Buffalo, we've been captivated by the light over Lake Michigan, and we know many of you have your own favorite sunset views — whether it's right here at home or from a far-off shore.

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Send your photo, the location, and a few words about what it meant to you to: info@NewBuffaloTimes.com with subject "Sunset Series".

We welcome submissions from everywhere — with a soft spot for those taken right here in New Buffalo and along the lakeshore.

Let's create a shared gallery of light — a reminder that the sun's setting is not an ending, but part of the rhythm we all live by. — KRISTIN FATOUROS

A Writer's Life...

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION ANIMATION

BY JACK OLESKER

Surprise visitors...

Shortly after lunch the next day there was another knock on my office door. Jack Hanrahan barged in, demure Eleanor Burian-Mohr in tow. As I made a mental note to have a lock installed, Jack plopped a sheath of papers on my desk and asked, "When do we hear back on these?"

I sarcastically offered, "Hello, Jack. Hello, Eleanor..."

Eleanor smiled as she skirted her partner. "Hello, Jack. Good meeting yesterday."

Jack Hanrahan was a big guy, Eleanor diminutive by comparison. She had a soft smile and soft features; pretty without having to work at it. I liked her immediately.

It shouldn't have mattered whether or not I liked someone or what they looked like. I needed story springboards, treatments and scripts to help me get Care Bears back on track, and that should have be that. But it was more complicated than that.

After my having written a handful of scripts, lots of springboards, a few treatments, conducted a writers' meeting, having had and resolved a run-in with a senior staff writer and spent my morning in a grueling rewrite of another writer's script, I was realizing being a story editor was hard work.

There was curious overlap with being a scriptwriter and also a story editor. Scriptwriting was a solitary endeavor. But being a story editor meant interacting with a sizable group of writers, each with their own skills, personality and issues. I liked that. Having people occasionally around could be a good thing, I decided, depending on the people.

Five minutes into talking with Eleanor and Jack, I liked having them around.

I thanked them for getting me their springboards so promptly. Jack emphasized he and Eleanor were ready to write and pressed on about when they'd hear from me. I said I'd get back to him in a couple days. He didn't seem pleased so I added, "I'm dealing with a lot of writers." This pleased him even less and he said, "Not writers like us."

I told him, "I'm sure." I realized subtlety was lost on him.

Her eyes on me, Eleanor touched his arm like a trainer would a circus bear as she said, "That's fine. We look forward to working with you."

I said, "Me, too." That softened Jack. It was clear he was in this for money. Everyone has their own life, their own problems and motivations. It wasn't my business. But I liked that Eleanor was more attuned to the pure creative elements.

As they were about to depart, Lori appeared and Jack and Eleanor exchanged pleasantries with her. Then they left. Lori closed my door and knowingly said, "Howard visited you." I nodded. She said, "Andy must have reamed him. He can be crass."

I asked, "Howard or Andy?"

She smiled. "Howard's an acquired taste, but he delivers."

I nodded as I patted his story springboards. "I've got some reading to do."

Lori said, "You'll have time on the plane."

My eyebrows furrowed and I asked, "What?"

"You're going to Cleveland tomorrow with Andy." And then, like vapor, she was gone...

HUGE POT BUST IN I-94 TRAFFIC STOP

Two men could face time in prison after they were allegedly caught with over 80 pounds of marijuana while passing through La Porte County.

Robert Prister, 47, Spencer Szostak, 37, are charged in La Porte Superior Court 1 with Level 5 felony dealing in marijuana.

Authorities said the men were traveling from the Detroit area to Minnesota when stopped on Interstate 94 outside Michigan City by an Indiana State Police trooper for a traffic violation on July 15.

Quickly, the officer walking up to the vehicle to speak to the driver smelled raw marijuana.

During a search, police said more than 80 various sized bags of marijuana covered by a blanket were recovered from the back of the vehicle along with large amounts of THC gummies and THC wax.

The investigation indicates both men from southeast Michigan were apparently being paid to deliver the drug to an undisclosed location.

Each of the men scheduled for initial court hearings on July 29 could each face an up to six year prison sentence.

— STAN MADDUX

Restoration sought for stained glass windows in courthouse

BY STAN MADDUX

There's a push to restore the over 80 stained glass windows in the historic courthouse in downtown La Porte.

Leigh Morris, a member of Preserve Historic La Porte, said the last stained glass window restored at the courthouse was nearly 50 years ago despite the collection having significant value.

Morris said experts reviewing the windows recently found a need for maintenance and repairs.

"There were cracks in the windows, gaps in the glass, frames rotted and many of them needed maintenance rather badly," Morris said.

Morris also proposed developing a 10 year maintenance plan for the windows "so that over the 10 years we would gradually get all of the windows up into good condition and do it in a priority order."

During the July 16 meeting of the La Porte County Commissioners, Morris suggested a formal study be conducted on the condition of each stained glass window at a total cost of no more than $15,000.

In response, the commissioners denied his funding request.

Commission President Connie Gramarossa said money is very tight because of a projected loss of more than $2 million in revenue for county government next year from the recent statewide property tax reductions.

Gramarossa said the budget squeeze is happening at a time when necessities such as leaking showers in the jail and bathrooms in a county office building must be fixed.

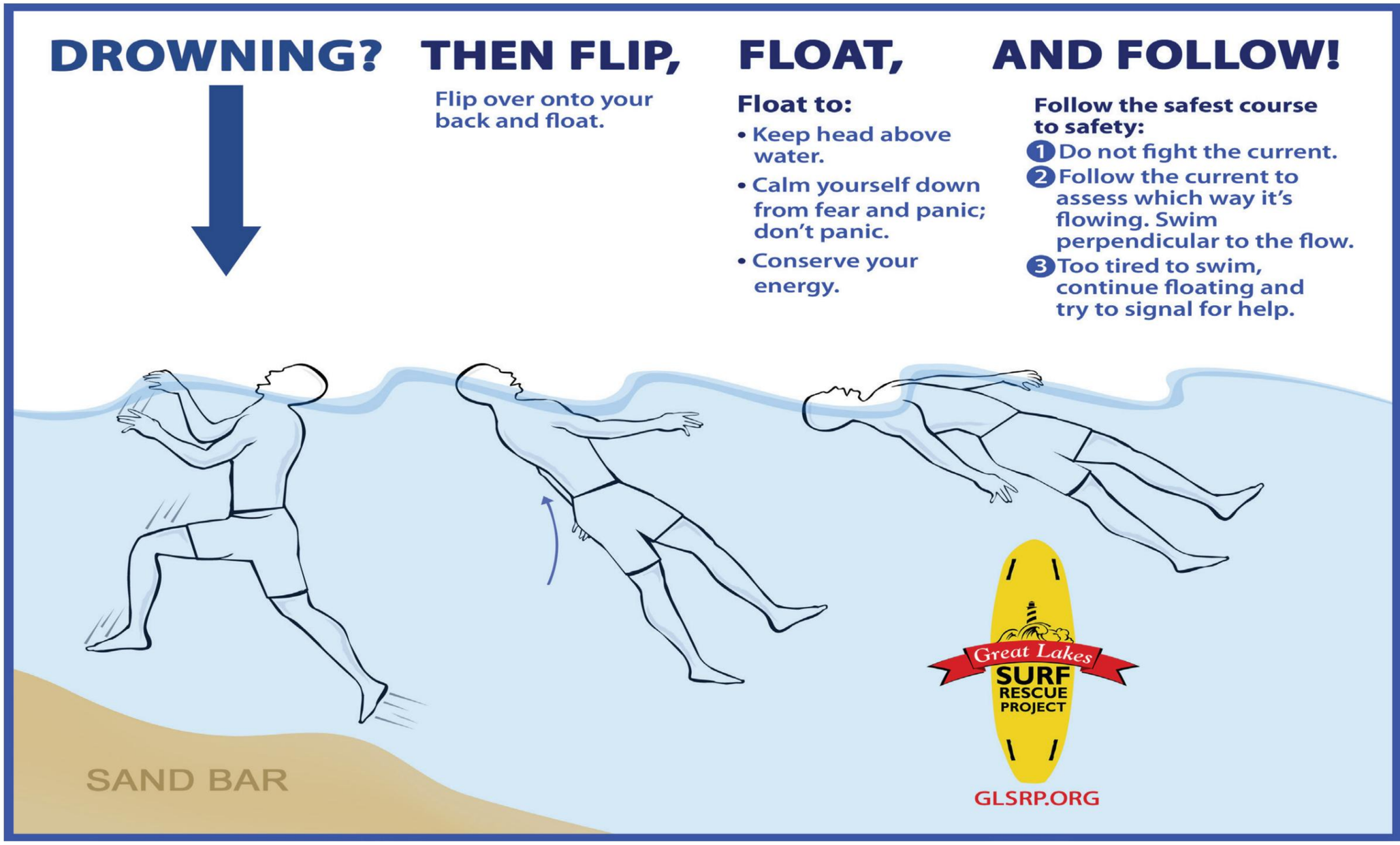
Employees are also pushing for a pay hike after receiving no increase in salary last year.

Gramarossa told Morris the preservation group should raise the money to pay for the study.

Morris said he hopes his group will undertake such an effort.

"I think it's really an important thing to do," he said.

The stained glass windows have been part of the courthouse since the doors opened in 1894, two years after construction began.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Norman "Norm" Lee Dudeck

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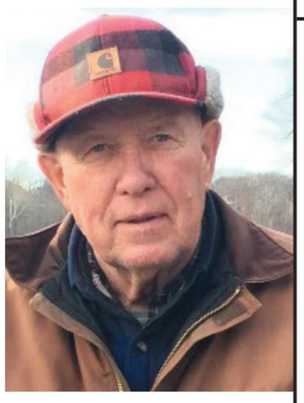

Norman "Norm" Lee Dudeck, 84, of Three Oaks, died peacefully, Monday, July 14, 2025.

His life began June 12, 1941, in Michigan City, Indiana the eldest of three children born to Martin and Ruth Dudeck. He married Jeanne Dudeck July 27, 1963, in Three Oaks. After fifty-three years of marriage, she preceded him in death.

Norm started his working years at Clark Equipment in Buchanan before purchasing his uncle's Peach and Christmas Tree Farm in the early 1990s. He loved spending time working on the tree farm and traveling with his wife before her passing. He was a faithful parishioner at St. Mary's, and never missed his Saturday morning breakfasts at Viola's. He would frequently stop into DJ Auto and, through many visits, would try to solve the world's problems, but according to Norm, nobody would ever listen.

Norm will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his son, Dave Dudeck of La Porte, Indiana: his favorite grandson, Phillip Dudeck of La Porte, Indiana; and his sister Joanne Haydamaker of Grand Rapids. He will be fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, a host of cousins, and his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife; daughter, Debra Dudeck; daughter-in-law, Deborah Dudeck; and brother Robert Dudeck.

Family and friends will gather Friday, July 25, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 28 Ash Street West, Three Oaks.

Norm will be laid to rest beside his wife and daughter in Riverside Cemetery.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Norm be made to Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 28 Ash Street West, Three Oaks, Michigan 49128

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com

A Day in the Life

BAD LUCK CAR SCENES...

BY LAWRENCE VON EBELER

I have had some bad luck with car accidents but some good luck insofar as having only one injury!

I had a whole gamut with new cars because I rationalized it as a treat for working so hard in the business, I can rationalize anything. One of those wrecked was when I had a brand new Corvette. I was feeling guilty because we had two kids in college and many expenses but my dear wife did not object to my flagrantness of buying the new expensive car. On the first day I owned it I had to drive across town several miles to get to a large project and on the way there I was thinking how lucky I was having the wife I had. When I got to the project (a sports bar restaurant) I parked way far away from the huge building so as to avoid any door dings. When I got inside I immediately got on the pay phone to tell my wife how wonderful the drive was and how grateful I was that I was married to her. All the while in this very loving conversation one of the workers was yanking on my sleeve for attention and I finally told him angrily to leave me alone! When I hung up I scowled and asked what it was that was so important? His answer was that he thought I should know that a semi truck had backed into the side of my brand new Corvette!

Another time in another new Corvette, I was buzzing down the Southfield Expressway in Detroit when the car lurched kind of sideways and I pulled over onto the side of the road and called a wrecker and had the car towed back to the dealership. I called the next morning to see what the problem was and I could not believe my ears; It seems that the factory had somehow forgot to secure the fiberglass body to the frame!

I decided I didn't want that car anymore!

In the bad luck column too, was also my brand new Bonneville Pontiac with all the trimmings I could think of, it had to go back to the dealership for some minor reason. I left it parked in the Service entrance after discussing the problem with the service manager while I was inside talking to my friend who was a salesman a man came up and asked if I owned a silver Bonneville and I said "yes", and he said that I l left the door open and someone drove it through the garage door opening and tore the door off! The dealer paid for the repair of course. $1800.00 later I picked up (what was} a brand new car!

That car had bad luck. We were driving it to Florida with three kids in the back seat. I could see that a snow storm was brewing and I made a mental note about the car I had just passed with an elderly couple, he was driving hunched over the steering wheel, it had one of those hang rods loaded with clothes across the back seat . I could see ahead of us that traffic was slowing up because of an oncoming blizzard and I immediately thought of the old couple behind us and decided to go around the slowing traffic and onto the shoulder for fear of a rear end collision by the elderly man. I was glad I had made that decision when I saw him skidding back and forth behind us trying to stop his car. Unable to do that and bound for the stopped cars ahead of him, he took the shoulder behind us and still he ran right into us. It folded the rear end of our new Pontiac Bonneville like an accordion! Fortunately the kids were not hurt but Bobbie got a whip lash and had to go to the hospital where they put her into a cast for her neck. I decided it was enough reason to go back home which was met with the whole carload crying and begging to go on to Florida. I finally did turn around and headed for Florida again with an injured wife and a crunched up rear end to my new bad luck car.

I had designed an upscale gift store in Grand Rapids and I drove my brand new Pontiac Grand Prix to its Grand Opening party. I left early for my long drive home. Driving very carefully because I had a couple glasses of wine and didn't want to take the chance of being pulled over. I nevertheless pushed up to 65 or 70 and immediately a deer ran out and into my speeding car! Fortunately the car kept running (thank God!). I drove it on home going 55 with a smashed front end on my brand new car. The deer died.

One time after visiting my sister and brother-in-law in Westfield New Jersey, we headed home in spite of a snow storm. We were driving our giant Jaguar 420 G (12 cylinders) and with three kids in the back seat, we took off for the normally 12 hour drive back home. We were on the turn pike and could barely see to keep on the road that had about a foot of snow on it. But a semi passed us and I thought it would be brilliant if we just followed him at about 70 MPH! Which I did, I only could see the tail lights but I followed those religiously when all of a sudden we started being thrown all over the car but I stayed on his tail and eventually the chaos stopped when the road became relatively smooth again. We figured out what the big bumps were about, the truck driver must have avoided a wreck or stalled car and saved us all by driving in the center median ditch while I followed him like a "stick tight" fool. I stopped following the truck and counted my blessings! We got home safely at 4:00 in the morning.

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AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

Some of your passions for life will be not so passionate this week. You can expect to feel a definite fizzle in your emotions as things begin to seem overdone or inauthentic. Pull back and look for ways to breath new life into your current projects or relationships before you discard or abandon them.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

It's time to take charge of your household and get more involved in how things operate on a daily basis. Get things organized and put in their rightful places so that when you need it you can easily find it. Be serious about accomplishing chores and setting things up for future use.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

The energy this week will push you to change your presentation style or force you face difficult subjects that you had previously been able to skate around. You already know the pitfalls and what is at stake so, be forthcoming. Avoid ambiguity. Talk straight and to the point.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

This is a great time to adjust your spending habits and employ a solid savings strategy. Only buy things that are truly necessary and serve a solid purpose for your household this week. Put off going out and purchasing things that are single use items for the time being. Hit the beach.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

Time to revamp your style and appearance to reflect that inner lion. Go through that closet and get rid of cloths that are worn out, ill-fitting or you don't really like anymore. Look for styles that are more modern or more in tune with your lifestyle. Freshen up your hairstyle and buy a new outfit.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

It's really important to let out dated things go and have the courage to change with the times. Release the past and embrace a new era. Take some time in those early morning hours to reset your visions and create a plan for the day ahead that incorporates new ways of doing things.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Social validation isn't always a marker of success. Being true to yourself and honoring your own ethics without compromise is more fulfilling than conforming to what others expect or want from you. Honor what is in your heart rather than supporting popular world views blindly.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Move away from unprofitable situations this week. Avoid putting in a lot of hard work on projects when it's clear there will be no reward or reimbursement. Put your focus on your home and in projects that will benefit your personal environment. Forget about the Joneses.

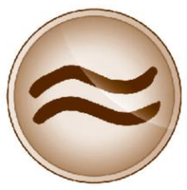
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

This is the time to break free from situations that make you feel couped up or held back. You need to get some new life experiences and explore new places, food and people. Make changes in how you spend your free time and start enjoying something new and different.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

This week is all about having the courage to speak up, ask for more and cut people off that overindulge on your dime. The truth is someone may be creating trouble so that you rush in to save the day for them. Those are the people you need to leave to their own defenses.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



Ending destructive relationships isn't easy because if you are enmeshed too deeply, you can't always see the manipulative or toxic behaviors clearly. There may be things you are starting to do that also contribute to the toxicity that can only be seen when you pull back or disconnect.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

This is the week to break bad habits and ditch the toxic sidekick. It will become very clear just what is working and what isn't this week. You may experience some disillusionment but at least you won't be wondering what is really going on anymore or where you stand with people.

Good habits formed at youth make all the difference.
— Aristotle

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15 Shaken
17 Anatomical canal
18 Serbian
19 Wild rubber
21 Canadian Expeditionary Force (abbr.)
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29 Prosecute
31 Plain moss
32 Nat'l Academy of Design (abbr.)
33 65 (Rom. numeral)
35 Dine
36 Shabby
39 Climbing vine
41 Railway Mail Service (abbr.)
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57 Skip
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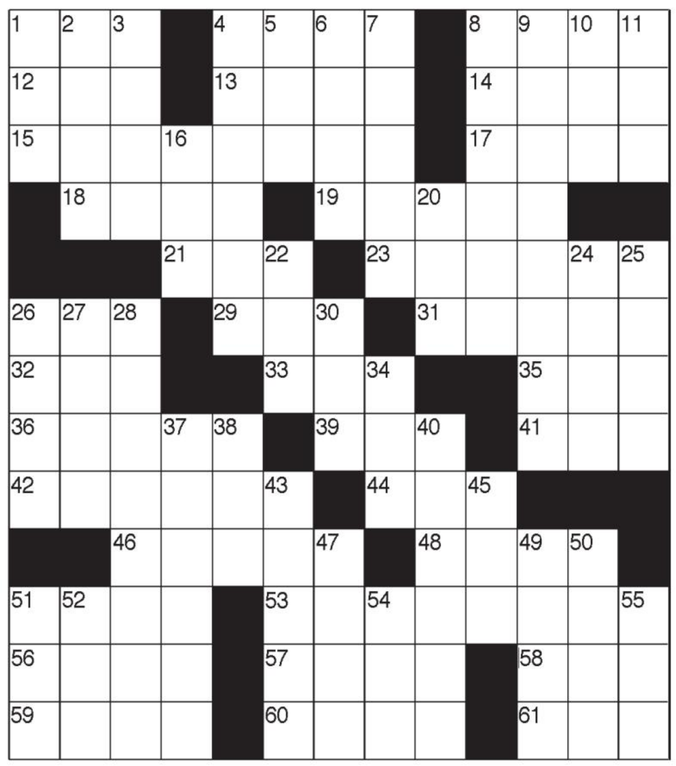

ATV chase results in OWI arrest

BY STAN MADDUX

A man is accused of running from the police on a four-wheeler after having too much alcohol to drink in northern La Porte County.

Matthew Wilson, 33, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with Level 6 felony resisting law enforcement and Class A misdemeanor operating while intoxicated.

La Porte County Police said Wilson about 1:30 a.m. on July 18 was in the area of Fail Road and 700 North when he fled from an officer trying to make a traffic stop on the all-terrain vehicle for not having a license plate and traveling on the paved surface.

Police said his girlfriend from New Buffalo was riding on the back of the four-wheeler swerving across both lanes of travel and nearly tipping over during the pursuit.

The chase, after heading south for a couple of miles and west on U.S. 20, then headed north until Wilson drove into a soybean field near Range Road and 800 North.

He was out of sight until an officer spotted him in the field from a camera on the drone he was flying to try and locate the suspects.

With officers closing in, Wilson after stepping off the machine took off running but soon was captured, police said.

Police said he had an odor of alcohol on his breath and refused to take a blood alcohol test, which led to the automatic OWI charge.

The investigation shows the woman riding with him tried several times to get Wilson to stop during the chase, police said.

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To Your Health

COLUMN BY KAREN EDWARDS ND

WATERMELON AND IT'S MANY HEALTH BENEFITS

There is nothing more refreshing that a ripened sweet watermelon! And the health benefits are miraculous. It is a delicious and refreshing fruit that is so good for you in many ways.

Watermelon is high in water content, making it very hydrating. It is low in calories, high in B6, vitamin C,potassium vitamin A and other carotenoids. It is also power packed with many healthy phytonutrients!

Vitamin A is important for skin and eye health. Vitamin B6 helps your body break down the protein you eat, and is also important for our immune systems and nerve function. Vitamin C helps strengthen the immune system and aids in the absorption of iron. Potassium is helpful in lowering blood pressure and is important for nerve function as well.

This fruit helps lower inflammation and oxidative damage, due to its anti-inflammatory antioxidants. It also helps with brain health. Even a mild case of dehydration can reduce mental energy and impair memory.

One of its antioxidants, Lycopene, is beneficial in helping prevent age-related macular degeneration.

It's high Vitamin C content helps your body make collagen, a protein that keeps your skin supple and your hair strong. Due to its high-water content, it is a natural diuretic. it helps flush and cleanse the kidneys and even kidney stones. Notice when you eat watermelon, you have to urinate a lot. It is doing its healing job. Watermelon also contains citrulline. This is an amino acid that helps increase nitric oxide levels in the body. Nitric oxide helps your blood vessels expand, which lowers blood pressure and is good for heart health. Nitric Oxide is the body's natural method of increasing circulation. It relaxes the walls of the blood vessels, regenerates the endothelium (inner lining of the arteries), and dilates the blood vessels, increasing blood flow. This is crucial to sexual performance. Nitric Oxide has been proven to be such an important contributor to the circulatory system it became a vital component of the biochemistry of Viagra.

Watermelon has no negative side effects (unless you are allergic, which I have not heard of) and can reduce prostate inflammation.

Although it is getting harder to purchase, opt for seeded watermelons. They are more nourishing. Seedless are hybrids that have been denatured. The seeds act as a cleansing fiber in the colon.

By the way – when you are juicing watermelon, juice the rind and seeds too if it is organic. The amino Acid Citrulline concentrated in the rind is similar to Viagra without the negative side effects.

When juicing, Juice the whole watermelon. Seeds andthe rind (If it is organic) OR non GMO and you can clean the surface off. The pith and the rind have amazing nutritional benefits. When I get a good garden-freshwatermelon, I like to pickle the rinds. Watermelon seeds are very popular in vegan cheeses; due to their high protein content and texture it gives cheese.

Eat plenty of it in season all summer. It is a great addition to any diet.

Karen Edwards is a board-Certified Dr. of Naturopathy, Master Herbalist, Vegan and Raw food Chef. She is owner of Holistic Alternatives in New Buffalo and La Porte for over 25 years.

PET OF THE WEEK

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Meet Orange Julius. He's almost 12-years-old, but have you ever seen puffier, fluffier cuter cheeks? He is such a character and if he isn't asking to be petted, then he is meowing about something else. Orange Julius would be thrilled to live in a home that has a screened-in patio. Somewhere he can breathe in the fresh outdoor air but still be kept safe. Or maybe even go for walks outside on a secure harness/ leash. Orange Julius is neutered, and his vaccinations are up-to-date. He loves treats, but will need some time to acclimate to his new home. Orange Julius is very social and can be a great older brother to other cats. Please Make Orange Julius part of your family.

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City council recognizes employee for 45 years of service

BY THERESE DONNELLY

The New Buffalo City Council started the July 21 meeting by recognizing a retiring employee's long career.

Chris Huston recently retired from the City Streets Department after 46 years of service, including time as the fire chief.

City Manager Darwin Watson presented Huston with a plaque and thanked him for his decades of work for the city. Huston told the council it was an honor to have helped residents.

Later in the meeting, the council confirmed Jamie Flick as acting fire chief, effective June 27, to serve until a permanent fire chief is chosen.

On Flick's recommendation, the council approved the purchase of replacement personal protection equipment (PPE) for firefighters. Watson said the $18,171 cost to Moses Fire Equipment was planned for in the 2025-2026 budget.

The council also accepted a bid of $32,886 from Boelcke Heating and Cooling to replace the HVAC system at the Fire and police departments. Watson said Boelcke's bid was the lower of two received.

The air conditioning in the council chambers has also been ineffective. Watson said Hometown Heating had determined there was a problem with freon discharging, and the unit is obsolete. Hometown quoted $15,400, with a 50 percent deposit, to replace the system.

The council discussed a proposal by E.X.I.T. O.N.E. to hold several events in the city during 2026. John Moultrie explained his organization wants to bring creative, family-friendly activities and is asking for the council's approval for a series of non-competing events.

Councilmember Mark Robertson expressed concerns that the events, including concerts, will bring additional visitors to an already-crowded downtown. Mayor Vance Price asked about delaying a decision to obtain more information.

Moultrie said he needs time to book musicians and negotiate contracts.

The council approved the request, with Robertson dissenting.

The council unanimously approved a special event application for the Apple Cider Century for Sept. 27-28. The annual bike tour will take place Sunday, Sept. 28, with routes crossing through Three Oaks, New Buffalo, Sawyer and Harbert.

Chris Huston and Darwin Watson

A review of the city's 2025-2026 fiscal year budget revealed some allocations had mistakenly been set at zero funds, Watson told the council. In order to comply with State of Michigan's Uniform Budget and Accounting Act, the council approved budget amendments.

Following the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the council approved a special use permit for 211 S. Whittaker Street. Watson said the property owned by Patrick and Christine Roche is a multi-family dwelling and they need the permit to build an adjacent garage with an office space.

In order to offset operating costs, the council approved a new fee schedule for city services. The presented schedule included increases to next year's beach parking fees, but Robertson objected to a 50 percent increase, taking a day's parking from $20 to $30. The council will revisit the beach fees before the 2026 season.

The Downtown Development Authority will change its meeting times from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The council approved an amendment to the bylaws.

Rangerbid will auction off surplus and obsolete city property. Watson said items include a trailer and pickup truck.

Watson also told the council there is a number of homeowners encroaching on city rights of way, including areas with infrastructure. As part of an effort to identify these sites, the council approved a professional services agreement with Abonmarche to survey land.

The council also had a second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapters 1 and 2 of the Code of Ordinances, and to repeal Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2-5.

Before adjourning, Price said he has been researching the possibility of a chilled ice-skating rink in Oselka Park to allow skating even if winter temperatures rise above freezing.

During public comment, Glen Logan of the Mooring Association asked the council to consider changing the city charter so part-time residents can serve on the Harbor Commission.

Jacob Vravis said employees at local dispensaries are having trouble finding local housing and he feels the city will be impacted despite not allowing marijuana businesses.

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